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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Yes, Sir. We have now issued orders to collect it even monthwar. Failure of payment for over three months will entitle discontinuance of the connection.

Trawlers and modern fishing boats

9-40 a.m. * 2468 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of trawlers and modern fishing boats supplied to the Fisheries Department under the Indo-American Co-operation Programme during 1955; and

(*b*) the number of trawlers in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No trawlers have meen received during 1955 under the Indo-American Co-operation Programme. But two small size modern fishing vessels fitted with modern equipments like " Echo Sounder " have been received recently.

(*b*) There are no trawlers at present in the State.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* POLICE HELP TO CONTRACTORS FOR COLLECTING ILLEGAL LEVIES IN PALLAGOWNDENPALAYAM VILLAGE SHANDY.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Sri S. Ramalingam which reads as follows :—

" This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz. :

the action of the Police to aid the contractors of village shandies in Pallagowndenpalayam of Erode taluk for collecting illegal levies from the villagers, by way of prosecuting the peasants who refuse to pay such illegal levies and the failure of the Government to intervene in same."

Regarding the motion, I think it is *sub judice*, because, in a Press Report, i.e., in ' The Hindu ', dated 18th September 1955, it is stated that a charge-sheet has been laid against some of the accused before the Sub-Magistrate, Perundurai. So, it is *sub judice* and it cannot be discussed now. I rule the motion out of order.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Have you given the ruling, Sir? Then, on a point of order, I would like to ask whether it is proper for the Deputy Speaker to rely for his conclusions upon a press report and then give a ruling?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Deputy Speaker has already given a ruling. I do not think the hon. Member is entitled to question that ruling, whatever be the basis of that ruling.